

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
June 30, 2003 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Brian C. Warburton, Chairman, Virginia Bridle,  
William Sullivan, James A. Workman, Cliff Pratt  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Karen Anderson, Administrative Assistant

**Public Hearings:**

1) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the acceptance of a grant for the Fire Department in the amount of \$12,254.00 from the Office of Emergency Management.

There were no public comments.

**Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept the grant from the Office of Emergency Management in the amount of \$12,254.00 for the Fire Department.

**Mr. Workman SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

2) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the acceptance of a tennis court rebound wall from Hoban Blume.

**Mrs. Bridle MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen accept the gift of the tennis rebound wall for Tuck Field from Hoban Blume.

**Mr. Pratt SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

3) The Board of Selectmen held a public hearing to take comments from the public regarding the addition of a Loading Zone on F Street by Funarama.

This will be the length of one parking space adjacent to the rear door of Funarama.

**Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED** that the Board of Selectmen amend the Loading Zone Ordinance by adding a Loading Zone on F Street by Funarama.

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

**I. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Assistant Commissioner of Safety John Stephen led the audience in the salute to the flag.

**II. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

There will be a Joint Relief Musical Show on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6PM at WHS.

The Board extended best wishes to Hank Lipe's mother for a speedy recovery.

There will be no fireworks this Wednesday, but there will be a large display on the Fourth of July.

Selectman Sullivan noted that a large number of people were killed in Chicago when a deck collapsed, and he urged all those with decks to be very careful.

There was a fire at Seabrook Nuclear power plant. It was a bit of construction material and scaffolding, and it was not within the protected area.

Hampton has a new resident Alexander Holmes, born to Steven and Caroline Holmes.

The annual sand castle competition just keeps getting better and better.

Mr. Barrington thanked the Board and all the people involved with making the police station groundbreaking a success.

### **III. APPOINTMENTS**

#### **1. John A. Stephen, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Safety**

Mr. Warburton told the Board that Mr. Stephen was going to give a presentation about Homeland Security. Assistant Commissioner Stephen, on behalf of Commissioner Richard Flynn, told the Board that he wanted to inform Hampton about the status of the Homeland Security funds that are being made available to the first responders in the State.

The Federal formula for the Homeland Security grants was based on population and the grant administration is being handled by the Department of Safety. Approximately 70% of the funding is for equipment purchases and is to be allocated directly to local governments. Hampton is eligible for \$34,656.98 from Homeland I and the second grant will allocate the same amount, plus 3%. If the Town incurred any expenses associated with the period of Code Orange, March 27<sup>th</sup> to April 16, 2003, the town can be reimbursed for those expenses, such as overtime for enhanced security costs.

The Homeland II funds will include \$5,259,500 for local fire and EMS radio interoperability. The town's will have portable and digital radios and receivers provided to insure that the radio frequencies are up to the capability. Mr. Stephen noted that 75% of the applications received from towns have been for the radio interoperability. Some of the grant funds will be used to provide free training for towns at the Fire Academy and Police Standards and Training.

Mr. Pratt asked if these grants are applied for through the Department Heads. Mr. Stephen said that the one thing they are asking the governments to do is to look at their procurement program. The State has contracted with Fisher to buy their equipment on line, doing this will allow the town's to procure the equipment without expending the town's funds. Mr. Sullivan said that he did not realize there was that much money coming into New Hampshire. He added that the United States will have more attacks and it is important that people like Commissioner Flynn and Commissioner Bliss maintain the level of commitment.

Mr. Stephen said that there are additional grants that Hampton has through the Federal government that will result in additional funds. Mr. Stephen said that it is important to remember the dedication that the first responders display is unmatched. Keep in mind that the money is helping out but this is a collaborative effort to protect the State of New Hampshire.

Mr. Pratt said that the Department of Safety has done an outstanding job in the Homeland Security efforts and he commended Commissioner Flynn and Assistant Commissioner Stephen for their efforts. Mr. Sullivan agreed and said that every single resident has to be a part of the security effort and anything that is considered suspicious needs to be reported. Mr. Warburton said that it is not very often that we get someone of John's caliber at the Selectmen's meeting. Asst. Commissioner Stephen has just recently been reappointed for a four year term.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Town Manager's Report**

##### **Police Facility**

Mr. Barrington told the Board that in the aftermath of a successful, and well attended, ground breaking ceremony for the new police station, the contract signing and pre-construction conference is scheduled for Thursday, July 3. The contract calls for commencement by July 15 with a completion date 15 months later.

Art Display

Mr. Barrington was pleased to note that Harold LaPointe has returned to Hampton for the summer and brought with him a supply of new paintings for display. They have been placed around the lobby and atrium for all our citizens to enjoy.

Mosquito Control Commission

The Manager received an e-mail from John Skumin asking for the Board to announce that they still need to fill a vacancy on the Mosquito Control Commission. Perhaps someone in the viewing audience Monday evening will be interested, or know someone that might be interested, in an appointment to that board.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Mr. Barrington told the Board that he met with Keymont Construction to come closer to finalizing an agreement on correcting the blower/silencer problem at the wastewater treatment plant. At the conclusion of the meeting, there were a few technical issues that were going to be addressed by Keymont, and a draft of a proposed settlement agreement was to be prepared by their attorney for our review. The open question of who pays for what parts of the solution was also discussed with some agreements in principal that a successful resolution will require the participation by all parties in the dispute. Attorney Gearreald had a subsequent meeting with the representative of Universal Blower, the supplier of the silencer. Universal Blower also remains committed to participating in the solution to the problem. We are planning two more meetings in the next three weeks – one to finalize the technical issues and the second to then finalize the financial issues.

Boat Ramp

Deputy Fire Chief Steve Benotti and the Town Manager met with John Cavanaugh of Senator Gregg's office this week to discuss and follow up on the boat ramp in Hampton Harbor. While not directly familiar with the details of the project, Mr. Cavanaugh was aware of our request and the fact that it is included in an appropriation bill before the Senate.

Exeter Road Bridge

Mr. Barrington reported that CLD Engineers will be meeting on Tuesday, July 1, with interested neighbors on the Exeter Road Railroad Bridge project. That meeting will be at 1:30 at the Old Salt.

Project Impact

Hampton's Project Impact grant will be concluding on June 30, except for the completion of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan and the actual construction of the Bonaire pipe bursting project. We will be meeting again on Wednesday with Jane Hubbard as she makes progress toward the completion of that plan.

Sewer User Agreement

Mr. Barrington explained that he gave the Board a draft of a "hold harmless agreement" from Jack Kopka regarding his request to pump sewer from a duplex on Drakeside Road into the town's force main. There is a similar agreement with Tidewater Campground for a connection they made about 5 years ago.

Concession Stand

The gentlemen who are leasing our concession stand at Tuck Field have asked permission to paint two sides of the concession stand to resemble a castle. This is intended to be in keeping with Kid's Kingdom and their theme of Camelot Ice Cream. They are also wanting to pour a concrete slab to enhance the area where customers stand while making purchases, and to make landscaping improvements adjacent to the building.

Attorney Gearreald has recommended that they sign a release that any improvements they make become the property of the town. Mr. Barrington said that unless he hears an objection from the Board he will authorize the improvements.

Municipal Stormwater Requirements

Kristi Rabasca, with Environmental Engineering & Remediation (EER), met with Doug Mellin and the Town Manager on June 30, 2003 discuss the Notice of Intent for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) requirements of the EPA. The Town is required to file a Notice Of Intent by July 30. This is a five year permit that outlines actions that the town intends to take toward cleaning up the town's storm water in that time. Mr. Barrington said that it is his intent to review it before signing and forwarding to the EPA. Any suggestions would be welcome, and the Board may want to discuss it at the July 14 meeting.

Mrs. Bridle said that the painting of the concession stand is very nice but she has some concerns with landscaping. Mr. Barrington said that they will be working with Mr. Patch. Mr. Pratt said that he would be in favor of the painting and improving and noted that he has been to the concession stand a couple of times and they do a nice job.

Mrs. Bridle said that she brought up the painting of crosswalks before Memorial Day and they are still not done. The crosswalks on Lafayette Road still have not been painted. Mr. Barrington said that he has discussed this with Mr. Hangen and there have been some problems with the low bidder on this project. As we pursued the termination of the agreement with the low bidder, the bidder indicated that they would have the project done by the end of June. If that does not happen he intends to send the town crews out with the town's equipment to paint the lines ourselves. The divider stansions have been placed in a few locations on Lafayette Road, they do make a difference although they take a lot of abuse from vehicles. Mr. Sullivan said that it is not the town's responsibility if people are playing in the street, or if they are crossing in a crosswalk. Mr. Workman said that the liability is not important if someone is injured.

Mr. Workman commended the islands that have been maintained, the Adopt a Spot location at Winnacunnet Road and Locke Road looks outstanding.

Mr. Sullivan noted that there is now a police officer stationed uptown on the weekends and it has been a large help and is very much appreciated.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**Street Naming Request

The Board reviewed a request for the naming of a subdivision off Timber Swamp Road. The requested name is Summerwood Drive. Mr. Sullivan asked that the Police and Fire Departments give their input on the suggested name.

**VI. MINUTES**

The minutes of June 16, 2003 were accepted as written.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Lien Release – Book 3068 - 1791
2. Nursing Home Referral
3. Land Lease and Land Rent Warrant for 11 Epping Avenue
4. Entertainment Permit – Victoria Inn

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** that the consent agenda items be approved.

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

Mr. Warburton noted that a meeting has been scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup>, however Mr. Barrington and Selectman Sullivan will be Washington. He asked for the Board's input. The Board agreed to meet on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Sullivan MOTIONED** that the meeting be adjourned. (8:06 PM)

**Mrs. Bridle SECONDED**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman